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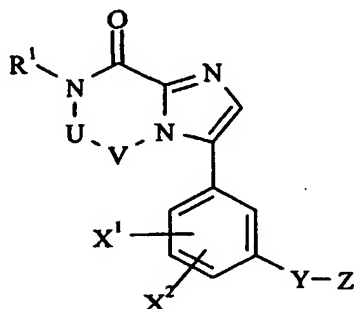
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(57) Abstract: The present invention discloses a compound of formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof: (I) wherein -U-V- represents -CH=CH-, or -CH₂-CH₂-, -N=CH- or -CH=N-; X¹ represents hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, trifluoromethyl or C₁₋₆ alkoxy; X² represents hydrogen or halogen; Y represents a chemical bond, an oxygen atom, or a -NH- or -OCH₂- linkage; Z represents an optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl group; R₁ represents hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic group, trifluoromethyl, -SO₂R^a, -SO₂NR^aR^b, -COR^a, -CO₂R^a or -CONR^aR^b; and R^a and R^b independently represent hydrogen, hydrocarbon or a heterocyclic group; pharmaceutical compositions comprising it; its use in methods of treatment; use of it in the manufacture of a medicament for treating and/or preventing anxiety; convulsions or a cognitive disorder; and methods of treatment using it.